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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS VC-10 AIRCRAFT
TO NORTH KOREA

REF: STATE 208180

1. DCM BRIEFED CAPT. RIVENBARK ON SUBSTANCE REFTEL SEPTEMBER 24. ON LEARNING OF LEGAL COMPLEXITIES WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY NEED FOR THREE EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN US PERMISSION TO CONSUMMATE TRANSACTION, RIVENBARK REMARKED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MUCH BETTER FOR EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS TO AVOID THESE COMPLICATIONS AND SIMPLY SELL VC-10'S TO BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION WHICH WOULD IN ANY CASE BE INVOLVED IN RE-FURBISHING AND OVERHAULING AIRCRAFT BEFORE DELIVERY TO NORTH KOREA. IT WOULD THEN BE UP TO UKG AND BAC TO OBTAIN WHATEVER US CLEARANCES MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

2. RIVENBARK AGREED TO INFORM EMBASSY OF DECISION IN THIS REGARD, WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE MADE WITHIN TWO-THREE WEEKS. INCIDENTALLY, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN -- WHICH WE SHARE -- OVER POSSIBLE INTEMPERATE REACTION OF GENERAL AMIN SHOULD UGANDAN GOVERNMENT

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BE ASKED PER PARA 2 REFTEL TO SEEK US PERMISSION TO CONSUMMATE

TRANSACTION. WE AGREE THAT SOME PUBLIC OUTBURST ON PART OF AMIN,
PERHAPS INCLUDING NEW TELEGRAM TO US PRESIDENT, WOULD BE DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY.
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